



News Notes

Dental Clinic closes early today – The Hickam Dental Clinic will close at 11:30 a.m. today for Dental Assistant Recognition Week. For emergencies, call the physicians exchange service at 524-5855.

FTAC packages due – Nomination packages for the First Term Airmen's Center non-commissioned officer in charge position are due to Master Sgt. Ron LaJeunesse today. The FTAC NCOIC works directly for the base career assistance adviser and 15th Mission Support Squadron commander. Duties and responsibilities include leading, managing, planning, organizing, and directing military education and physical conditioning programs for more than 400 first-term Airmen. Additional duties will consist of Hickam Transportation Incentive Program manager, cost center manager, workgroup manager, and flight equipment custodian. There are many application requirements; for additional requirements or more information, contact Sergeant LaJeunesse at Ron.LaJeunesse@hickam.af.mil or call 448-4643.

Walking for a cure – The National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Oahu Division Walk-a-thon is set for April 2 at the Ala Moana Beach Park. Sign up to volunteer at the event or to form/join a walking team. This is a rewarding and significant community service event. For more information about volunteer opportunities or about forming a team, contact Master Sgt. Glenn Tajeron at 448-2583 or Capt. Patricia Teran-Matthews at 448-0174. People who know someone who has been affected by MS and would like to share their story and describe how the

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Wing announces change of command

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Hickam's leadership will turn over in a change of command ceremony March 23 at 9 a.m. on the Hickam Mall, between the Freedom Tower and 15th Airlift Wing headquarters.

Col. Raymond Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, will relinquish command to Col. William Changose,

who presently is the 43rd Airlift Wing vice commander at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina.

Colonel Torres will head to New Jersey and take on the position of vice commander of the 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force at McGuire Air Force Base. The 21 EMTF provides rapid, tailored worldwide air mobility response to combatant commander's needs. The

goal of the EMTF is to provide warfighting unified commanders an improved force presentation that meets the nation's global air mobility requirements.

Colonel Changose is a command pilot with more than 4,300 hours on C-130 and C17A aircraft. As the vice commander at Pope he assisted the wing commander of the only active-duty continental United States opera-

tional C-130 airlift wing.

A farewell dinner for Colonel Torres is scheduled for March 19 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club with social hour beginning at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. To RSVP call 15th Airlift Wing Protocol at 449-4764 or e-mail nicole.jones@hickam.af.mil. Cost is \$27 for members and \$32 for club non-members.

Another chapter in Wake Island history

13th Air Force passes ownership to 15th AW

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

In a deactivation and activation ceremony the wing ceremoniously took charge of Wake Island March 4.

The 15th Airlift Wing accepted control of the little island with more than 200 people on it Jan. 1 and with the activation ceremony the Detachment 2, 15th Mission Support Group guidon now stands there as a symbol of the change. The island was assigned to the 13th Air Force for the past three years.

"Today is yet another historic event in Wake Island history – an island so rich with historic events that this one is but a footnote," said Col. Gary Melchor, 13th AF director of logistics. "However today is significant in Air Force history."

"We, 13th Air Force, leave Wake Island with a great deal of pride although we certainly realize we leave with much yet to accomplish," he continued.

Colonel Melchor mentioned many hardships the 210 contractors and four active-duty personnel had to deal with during the 13 AF's short reign. He also touted accomplishments, like improvement to the runway, seaport and facilities, some of which have been standing since World War II.

"In the time leading up to World War II both Wake Island and the Hawaiian Islands were considered vital



Col. Andy Morgan, 15th Mission Support Group commander, hands the Detachment 2 guidon to Capt. Steven Rose during an activation ceremony March 4 at Wake Island. Captain Rose was also the island's commander with the 13th Air Force, Guam, Air Base.

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Hickam Airman rescues three Ewa Beach locals

By 1st Lt. Craig Savage
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A Hickam Airman rescued three Ewa Beach locals after their car slammed into a tree behind the Airman's house in Ewa Beach Feb. 23.

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Logan, 735th Air Mobility Squadron communications and navigation journeyman, was on his way to bed when he heard a loud crash outside his window.

"The noise was pretty loud," said Sergeant Logan. "I was relieved to find only one car instead of a head-on collision."

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Staff Sgt. Jeremy Logan, 735th Air Mobility Squadron, rescued three Ewa Beach locals after their car slammed into a tree behind his house in Ewa Beach.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Logan

Tax Tips

File early, avoid last minute crunch

By Capt. Amina Diehl
15th Airlift Wing Legal office

Last week, a Hickam member called the tax center to make an appointment to get her taxes done and found out the earliest appointment available was April 4.

Since the tax filing season deadline is April 15, she called the tax center to find out what the plan is for the traditional end-of-season crunch.

A tax center representative explained, "We don't have as many tax preparer

volunteers as we'd like, and our appointment system has worked very well to keep customer wait times low. Unfortunately, April 15 is approaching and I see a potential for running out of appointment slots."

What is being done to address this issue?

Well, I'd like to add some days to the filing deadline, but I don't think the Internal Revenue Service will sign off on that. No, seriously, we've changed our walk-in policy. People with no real

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Stretching the horizon into the next century of flight

By Maj. Joanna Huff
65th Airlift Squadron

I witnessed history in the making March 3 and I have wanted to share it with everyone I know that has any interest in aviation.

As coincidence would have it, I was staying with family in McPherson, Kansas on a house hunting trip, just 30 minutes south of Salina where the historic flight of the GlobalFlyer and Steve Fossett, setting a record for an around the world flight, would be landing.

This record attempt seemed in jeopardy of finishing, several times during the course of the flight.

As the flight progressed, I felt starved for information on the flight's progression and the efforts toward the record. The lack of information seemed to indicate an irrelevance of the flight and the efforts being made by the pilot Steve Fossett, the aircraft designers, and his ground crew.

As I went to bed on the night of March 2, the only information available was that fuel and winds may require the GlobalFlyer to land in Hawaii, although as a pilot, it seemed to me he was way past the geographic point for making the decision, and the media was not staying on top of this story. I began to regret not returning to Hawaii early, as we had planned. Seeing the Global-Flyer at Hickam might have been my best opportunity.

I awoke Thursday morning to good news; the Global-Flyer had picked up a great jet stream and had continued



Photo By Maj. Joanna Huff

Sir Richard Branson, President of Virgin Atlantic, showers Steve Fossett after his solo non-stop and unrefueled around the world flight.

to press forward on its quest.

It was expected to land in Salina, from which the plane had taken off (a former B-52 base) at around noon.

Our whole family geared up for the day in great anticipation of experiencing history in the making. We arrived at the airport and joyfully were able to get into the VIP viewing area. The whole airfield was abuzz with anticipation and a thirst for information about the timing and status of the flight. The previous around the world non-air refueled record had taken nine days, and had two pilots to accomplish it.

Reports came in he had reached western Kansas, that winds had dropped off, and his speed was down to 180 knots. It seemed he was on "final approach" forever.

It took almost two hours for the aircraft to cross Kansas to make a line up for the runway. As we all strained to gain sight of the aircraft, there were many reports of folks who had him

in sight, with later corrections saying "no-no it's just a bird." The plane had such a slim profile that it could only be seen once, in its turn to final, as the huge wingspan caught the sunlight.

The crowd was full of parents who had taken their children out of school to watch the big event, and the South Salina High School Band was poised to play songs to welcome the GlobalFlyer home. I wondered how many of the children and adults truly understood the significance of this monumental accomplishment.

As the aircraft neared, it glided just above the runway before kissing the earth with a gentle landing. Fossett then stopped the plane and personnel raced out to verify his world record at a time of 67 hours 1 minute and 46 seconds.

After this brief stop, he taxied the length of the runway and back up the parallel taxiway, to mid-field, so all the spectators could get a

good view of his remarkable aircraft.

Though he must have been dead on his feet from fatigue, he climbed out of the aircraft and he honored the crowd and the press with comments and his humor. Shortly after Sir Richard Branson, President of Virgin Atlantic, hosed Fossett down with champagne, and warned the crowd to keep it's distance, as Steve was pretty fragrant.

As we entered the second century of powered flight, it had seemed all the records had been set, and everything worth doing had been done.

It was so refreshing to be among those aviation enthusiasts who still have dreams of what is yet to come. The thrill was fresh and took me back to the joy and enthusiasm I had at entering the Air Force's undergraduate pilot training program and to my dreams of accomplishments I might have the opportunity to put my mark on.

As it has happened, it was a huge thrill to be a witness to a 60-year-old man still in pursuit of his dreams. His efforts and continual work toward his goals remind me of an often repeated quote of my youth, "The body achieves what the mind believes".

It's important to have goals and to always pursue your dreams. As I close my story of this adventurer, I only wish my photos had the ability to capture the energy and excitement in such a way that all could share in the experience, in the same way I was blessed to be able to take part. Thank you for sharing this moment with me!

Hickam Voices

If you hadn't entered the Blue, what branch would you have joined and why?



I would definitely serve in the Marine Corps. Their intense level of physical training and field exercises is unmatched. They get the mission done and take care of each other!

Airman 1st Class

Micah Harcourt

Air Force Hawaii News Bureau



I'd have joined the Navy. My sister served in the Navy and I loved seeing their basic training graduation. I also like their uniforms.

Staff Sgt. Shannon Baughman

Pacific Air Forces



I never considered another branch. Growing up near Offutt,

I always had blue running through my veins. The roar of the aircraft, great people, outstanding quality of life and opportunities in our Air Force made it an easy choice ... I'd do it again - another 26 years the same way. Air Power!

Chief Master Sgt. Kent Uphoff

U.S. Pacific Command



I would have joined the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. The PHS offers a variety of employment opportunities throughout the Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies. You keep all active duty benefits minus moving ever three years.

Capt. Christa Hrynshen

15th Medical Group



The Marine Corps. They seem to have a military ethos and sense of identity that I would like to experience.

Lt. Col. Ken Tingman

15th Airlift Wing

Inspector General

Next week's question:

Mar. 18: If you were the commander for a day, what would you do?

Mar. 25: If you were the Easter Bunny, where would you hide your eggs? (For children only)

To respond to this question, send an email to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil with a response and phone number to contact you.

Give us your feedback

Team Hickam members can submit letters to the editor to

hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil.

Tell us what you think or would like to see in Kukini

Action Line



Col. Ray Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties - and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving

problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Portable Carport

Comment: To celebrate my new stripe I purchased a new truck en-route to Hickam. The only 4 bedroom houses they had available were in Onizuka village, so this is where we chose to live. I was a little concerned about there being no carports but I saw several of the portable ones (3 in my court) so I figured I would buy one to protect my new truck and my four year old motorcycle. To my dismay I was told I could not put one up and the ones already there were

grandfathered. I understand that I would need to anchor it to the ground like one neighbor or to concrete blocks like my other neighbor, but I think I should be allowed to put one up to protect my 35 thousand dollar investment from sun damage. I tried to put in a work order with housing anyway, but they said new base policy prohibits portable carports.

Response: The housing office was correct in advising you that portable carports are unauthorized. The 15th Mission Support Group Commander signed a policy letter on Nov 13, 2002 prohibiting installation and use of temporary canvas or tarpaulin type carports. This action was necessary due to the lack of uniformity in type, color, and installation procedures that often resulted in unsightly or unstable structures being erected in our family housing areas, that greatly detracted from the overall appearance of the base and our community pride efforts. These portable carports were also a safety hazard. I have personally found my \$85.00 car cover works fine to keep the sun off my vehicle. Thanks for keeping Hickam a great place to live in our Air Force.

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B-2s deploy to Guam, replace ageless B-52s

By Airman 1st Class Sarah Gregory
36th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

ANDERSEN AIR BASE, Guam (AFPN) – B-2 Spirit bombers have deployed here for the first time to support Pacific Command's security efforts in the Western Pacific.

More than 270 Airmen of the 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron deployed from the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., currently the only B-2 unit in the Air Force. They replaced the 93rd EBS from Barksdale AFB, La.

The 393rd EBS is the first B-2 squadron to deploy here supporting Pacific Command's continuous bomber presence in the Asia-Pacific region. The bombers enhance regional security and the U.S. commitment to the area, Pacific Air Forces officials said.

This rotation provides training to integrate bombers into PACAF's joint and coalition exercises from a forward-deployed location, they said.

"We feel that we have some great training opportunities out here," said Col. Curtiss Petrek, 36th Expeditionary Operations Group commander. "One of the things we do a lot with the B-2 is fly missions that tend to be a bit longer than the average sorties that most of the aircraft fly. We'll get an opportunity to fly those types of missions and to really practice some of the command-and-control communication links."

Besides training missions, the Whiteman bombers need to acclimate themselves to

the differences of flying around here, Colonel Petrek said.

"The distances are so much further apart here, and if you are going to fly a mission, you need good command and control. It's important that everyone knows the systems you have, how they are to be used, and that they are used properly," he said.

Although the 393rd EBS is the first B-2 squadron to deploy to Andersen, the pathway has been cleared for them by three previous B-52 Stratofortress squadrons, Colonel Petrek said.

"The transition here has been pretty easy primarily because the prior B-52 unit deployed here worked with us well in advance to make our transition go (smoothly)," he said.

The bomber squadron consists of a variety of maintainers to keep the B-2 up and flying.

"A large majority of us are maintenance specialists," the commander said. "We have quite a few systems that require unique specialties so we have quite a few Airmen with some very specialized skills."

The B-2 commander said he expects the Airmen to make the most of their time here and to complete their mission as they have been trained to do.

"One of the things we put a lot of focus on is to be able to put the airplane over a target when we are told to do it," Colonel Petrek said. "We practice and train to do those things (at Whiteman and now here) so if we are ever called to do it, we can do it and do it well."



Photo by Angela Ebern

Silent heroes return

Members of a multi-service Honor Guard team transport remains of an American Serviceman lost during the Vietnam War during a repatriation ceremony on the base flightline Tuesday. The remains were recovered by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, who will transport the remains to their Central Identification Laboratory for forensic identification and eventual return to next of kin.

Air Force Association event to honor spouses of deployed

By Lt. Col. Stephen Clutter
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Pacific Air Forces commander Gen. Paul Hester will speak at an Air Force Association luncheon Mar. 25 meant to pay tribute to the sacrifices of the spouses of deployed airmen.

In explaining the reason for the event, AFA Chapter 138 President Virginia Pribyla said, "We have been very proud to note the local community support for Army, Marine and Navy units that

have deployed in support of the war on terror. However, since our Air Force people deploy in much smaller increments to support the Air Expeditionary Forces, they don't often receive that level of public recognition."

She said the AFA board decided to do their part to show Hickam's Airmen and their families how much the community appreciates their sacrifices.

"The luncheon is our annual general membership meeting, and we thought that was a good event to include unit leadership and spouses of their

units' members who have been or are currently deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq or other areas supporting those efforts," Mrs. Pribyla said. "Gen. Hester graciously agreed to address the group to help us recognize all these people have done for their spouses, the Air Force and Hickam."

The luncheon will be held at the Officers' Club Lanai at 11:30 a.m., and a deluxe deli buffet will be available for \$12.50 for non-club members and \$10.50 for club-card holders.

A voluntary donation will

be taken at the door which will go to the Hickam Family Services Center.

"Those donations will supplement the \$100 per quarter the AFA Board has committed to donating to the Family Support Center this year to help in the great events they hold for the deployed members' spouses," Mrs. Pribyla said.

Anyone wanting to participate should call 487-5025 or 448-3221 to reserve a seat. "Everyone is welcome, and we especially hope the units will bring their affected spouses to the event," she said.

TAX TIPS, From A1

estate, no private business, no itemizing and no foreign tax credit can now come in and get their taxes done during the walk-in hours from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

What happens when there is a cancellation?

We've started a wait list so if someone cancels, we can try to put someone in that person's slot. What really hurts us are the no-shows because it's too late to call someone from the wait list by that time.

If you have real estate or a private business, do you have to make an appointment?

No, but be prepared to wait. If you're pre-

pared to wait, you can come in anytime during our appointment hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, with a lunch break) and we'll fit you in as best we can.

What will happen when you run out of appointment slots?

What we can offer is to have people come in without an appointment and wait, help people ask the IRS for a deadline of their filing extension, and refer people to other military bases, commercial providers and tax preparation software like TurboTax.

WAKE ISLAND, From A1

American outposts in the Pacific," said Col. Andy Morgan, 15th MSG commander.

According to the commander, that significance was not lost on the forces of Japan as both islands were the first targets when Japan attacked the United States in 1941.

"Today, both Hawaii's and Wake's strategic locations represent key elements of the Air Force's mission of Global Reach, Global Power," Colonel Morgan said. "The addition of Wake Island serves to further support Pacific Air Forces' power and reach."

The commander of Wake Island, Capt. Steven Rose, will not leave his post and



Courtesy photo

The 15th Airlift Wing accepted control of Wake Island with more than 200 people on it Jan. 1.

will continue on as the new Det. 2 commander

"I want to thank the 13th Air Force in their belief in

me as the commander here and I look forward to working with the 15th Airlift Wing," he said.

RESCUE, From A1

Sergeant Logan got dressed, grabbed his cell phone and leaped over a row of bushes that separates the housing area with the roadside.

When he first got to the car he helped the two female passengers out and checked them for injuries. After Sergeant Logan determined they were in stable condition, he moved them to the grass and proceeded to help the driver.

"(The driver) was stuck and complained about his leg," said Logan.

However, before the driver could be administered first aid, Sergeant Logan noticed smoke coming from under the hood.

"I told the driver to sit still, that I'd be right back with a fire extinguisher."

Before Sergeant Logan left, he dialed 911 and handed his cell phone to one of the female passengers on the grass.

Sergeant Logan arrived back to the scene to extinguish any possible flames.

"I made it a priority to stop any fires that may break out," he said. "I emptied the bottle on the engine and underside of the car."

After ensuring there was



Photo by 1st Lt. Craig Savage

Sergeant Logan, shown here inside a C-5 engine, helped three people while the paramedics were on the way.

no longer smoke, he continued to assist the pinned and injured driver.

"I had to break the top of the door down to help him get out. He still complained about pain in this leg, so I didn't want to drag him over to the grass," said Sergeant Logan. "I tried to make him as comfortable as possible having him lay on a book bag."

Officers from the

Honolulu Police Department arrived shortly after Sergeant Logan laid the driver down and took control of the situation. The driver and passengers were questioned and, as spectators and emergency medical teams arrived, Sergeant Logan went back home.

"I'm just glad I was still awake and able to control the situation until the paramedics arrived."

Dental assistants bring smiles to Hickam

Assistants, lab techs keep clinic operating

Col. Stephen Porter
15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

National Dental Assistant Recognition Week was last week, and the 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron would like to highlight the contributions and achievements of the 26 superbly trained and highly dedicated dental assistants and dental laboratory technicians assigned to Team Hickam.

During a typical month, Hickam's enlisted and civilian dental assistants take and develop nearly 500 dental X-rays, provide professional tooth cleaning for over 400 patients, help Hickam's eight staff dentists in placing 200 silver or tooth-colored fillings, and assist in the extraction of 50 teeth. Assistants receive advanced training in order to aid our specialists in complex periodontal surgeries, complicated crown and bridge procedures, and implant cases.

On the most recent quarterly Department of Defense Dental Patient Satisfaction Survey Report, Team Hickam's dental hygienists and prophylaxis technicians were rated significantly higher than the Air Force and DoD average in overall quality, thoroughness of treatment, and friendliness and courtesy.

Our enlisted and civilian dental assistant staff direct many of the dental clinic's key programs and functions. Assistants clean, process and sterilize all dental instruments and are responsible for the cleaning and disinfecting of 23 treatment rooms.



Staff Sgt. Sarah Nicholas, 15th AMDS, prepares a patient for dental X-rays Tuesday.

They order, stock, and distribute all dental supplies and instruments, and oversee the repair or replacement of all equipment. Dental assistants maintain over 5,000 dental records for Team Hickam's warriors, and manage the computer-based appointment scheduling system.

Dental NCOs direct the clinic's most crucial readiness mission, the Air Force Dental Readiness Assurance Program. AFDRAP ensures all active duty personnel assigned to Hickam receive a regularly scheduled periodic dental exam to determine dental health status and identify any existing oral disease such as tooth decay, gingivitis, loss of bone support around the teeth, or partially erupted or impacted wisdom teeth.

Under AFDRAP, patients needing urgent care to make them dentally worldwide qualified receive expedited treatment. Dental assistants monitor these patients to ensure their rapid return to worldwide qualified status, and enable Team Hickam to

meet or exceed the 95 percent dentally worldwide qualified Air Force standard for the last 23 months.

One feature, which is relatively unique to military dental clinics, is the presence of in-house dental laboratory support. Team Hickam has four of the finest enlisted and civilian dental laboratory technicians in the business. These master craftsmen combine technical skills and knowledge in the manipulation of gold, porcelain, acrylic and other materials, with the eyes and hands of an artist, to create fully functional crowns, bridges and dentures.

Team Hickam's dental assistants and lab technicians are much more than office help. They direct most of the administrative and logistical support of the dental clinic, ensuring you are treated in a safe environment, sterile instruments, and with the most modern equipment available. They also allow the dental officers to deliver team-based, cost-effective care, which keeps Team Hickam pain free, worldwide qualified, and smiling.



Photos by Mark Bates

Staff Sgt. Maurice Whitlock, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron dental technician, fabricates a dental crown. This past week was National Dental Assistant Recognition Week. The Hickam Dental Clinic will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today. For emergencies, call the physicians exchange service at 524-5855.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Pooh-fect

Linda LeVack, wife of Command Chief Master Sgt. Jim LeVack, 15th Airlift Wing, does her handy work on a Winnie the Pooh and Roo painting at the Airman's Attic Monday. Mrs. LeVack, Karen Torres, Theresa Fraiser and Leeann Jordan helped put time into the painting to spruce up and identify the toddler/youth section of the Airman's Attic. The attic is open Tuesdays and Thursdays and the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Women's History Quiz: Who am I?

1. I led a 125-mile march of child workers from the mills of Pennsylvania to President Theodore Roosevelt's vacation home on Long Island.
2. I am considered the mother of the environmental movement for my 1962 book, "The Silent Spring."
3. Best known for founding the American Red Cross; I also helped document the 22,000 men killed or missing in action during the Civil War so their families could be notified.
4. The line of beauty products created for African-American people made me the first Black woman millionaire in the United States.
5. I am an Asian-American scientist who became "the world's foremost female experimental physicist." My most famous experiment disproved what had been thought to be a fundamental scientific law.
6. I took my job as "first lady" seriously, traveling the country to gather information about the problems and concerns of workers, children, minorities and the poor.

- I wrote a daily newspaper column and made frequent radio broadcasts.
7. When the Mexican Revolution of 1910 reached the Texas border, my friends and I organized La Cruz Blanca, The White Cross, to take care of the wounded.
 8. I was the last reigning monarch of the Hawaiian Islands, deposed when American business and military interests wanted to annex Hawaii to the U.S.
 9. I opened "Hull House" in a run-down Chicago neighborhood, a community center to improve conditions for poor immigrants.
 10. Daughter and granddaughter of Paiute Indian chiefs from Nevada, I lobbied Congress and wrote extensively on the hardships brought upon Native Americans by the U.S. government.
 11. My 1939 Easter Sunday concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial drew a crowd of 75,000.
 12. I printed the first copy of the Declaration of Independence that included the signers' names.

NOTES, From A1

society has provided support, contact the 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at 448-0174.

Women's history month events – Women's history is observed during the month of March. All members of Team Hickam are encouraged and welcome to attend the events. All women's retreat ceremony, Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. at the base flagpole (contact Staff Sgt. Lisa Thomas at 449-0684); mentoring session, March 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the community center (contact 1st Lt. Tara Lipinski at 448-2589); women's leadership panel, March 25, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Aloha Conference Center (contact Senior Master Sgt. Helen Noel at 449-0304); women's history month luncheon, March 29, 11:30 a.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club (contact Master Sgt. Jacquelyn Bond at 449-2947 ext. 307); 5K fun run, March 31, 7 a.m. starting at the row of parking before the Seabreeze (contact Capt. Kimberly Lee at 449-8372).

For the essay contest for local elementary, middle and high schools, children should to write a one-page essay on "Who is the most important woman in your life and why?" Essay submissions will be accepted from today until March 18. Winners will be announced at the Women's History Month luncheon (contact 1st Lt. Kristen Kayata at 448-1577). The library will also have book and poster displays throughout the month of March. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Angela Batts at 449-0607.

Creative writing contest – The Hickam Library presents the Friends of the Library Creative Writing Contest with categories of poetry and prose. Participants should submit entries at the Hickam Library from March 13 to April 9. There are three age categories: up to age 11, ages 12-18 and age 19 and

over. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on April 16 at 1 p.m. Join us for fun, prizes, and refreshments. Call the library at 449-7164 for additional details.

HOSC announces March event – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club will hold its March function at the Officers' Club Polynesian Gazebo March 15. The social begins at 9:30 a.m. and brunch begins at 10 a.m. The function will feature make-it and take-it craft projects including scrapbooking, ear-ring and bracelet making, decorative painting, stamping and hula. One craft will be funded for HOSC members and each additional craft will cost \$5. Cost for the brunch is \$11.40. Please RSVP by noon today by calling Jolande Murray (A-L) at 423-7097 or Jeannette Ramirez (M-Z) at 422-7444.

Book donations – Hickam Friends of the Library is seeking donations of used fiction and nonfiction books in good condition. Bi-quarterly book sales are held to raise funds in support of Hickam Library programs. The next sale is March 20 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Paperback purchases are 25 cents and hardbacks are \$1. We are located in Building 1711 (Kuntz Avenue) next to the Airman's Attic.

Master's program – The University of Oklahoma offers master's degrees in managerial economics and public administration. The university's non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months. The university's one-week classes are very TDY friendly. For more information contact OU at 449-6364 or aphickam@ou.edu or visit the OU Web site at www.goou.ou.edu.

Phone number change – Beginning April 1, the telephone number for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 601 will change to 449-1060.

Answers: 1. Mary Harris Jones 2. Rachel Carson 3. Clara Barton 4. Mindam C.J. Walker 5. Chien-Shing Wu 6. Eleanor Roosevelt 7. Jovita Idar 8. Queen Liliuokalani 9. Jane Addams 10. Sarah Winnemucca 11. Marian Anderson 12. Mary Katherine Goddard



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AF reaches privatization milestone

WASHINGTON — The Air Force recently surpassed the 10,000-home milestone in its military family housing privatization program.

In February, Air Force officials closed a deal privatizing more than 1,300 homes at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. This means the Air Force now has more than 10,900 privatized homes.

The privatization deal at Hickam is the 13th the Air Force has entered into. Air Force officials closed their first military family housing privatization deal at Lackland AFB, Texas, in August 1998. About 420 homes at the base were privatized. Today, those homes have a 96.6 percent occupancy rate.

Following Lackland, deals closed at Robins AFB, Ga.; Dyess AFB, Texas; and Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Today, construction at all four of the bases is complete, creating more than 2,300 new or renovated homes for Air Force families. Families living in those homes appear to like where they live, said Col. Bob Griffin, Air Force housing division chief.

"We survey our customers on a quarterly basis," he said. "For Lackland, Robins, Dyess and Elmendorf, we see very good customer satisfaction.

Not in just the housing, but in the responsiveness of the developer," he said.

Over the next four years, through use of local community housing, privatization and traditional military construction, service officials plan to reduce the Air Force's worldwide housing inventory of more than 107,000 to about 86,000, with about 60,000 in the United States. Officials expect nearly three-quarters of stateside homes will be privatized, Colonel Griffin said.

Before the Air Force privatizes any housing, it first calculates needs based on mission requirements and manning projections, the colonel said.

"By the end of 2009, we expect to privatize 72 percent, or about 45,500 of our U.S. based housing inventory," he said. *(Story by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez, Air Force Print News)*

Wing warping could change shape of future aircraft

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — An experimental flexible-wing jet has embarked on a final phase of flights over Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to demonstrate wing warping performance advantages for future aircraft.

During the final phase, which began in December and is expected to be completed in April, a modified Navy F/A-18A will fly about 30 test



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

Keep your eyes on me

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — An A-10 Thunderbolt II is marshaled in by an A-10 East Coast Demo Team Airman during the 2005 Heritage Flight Conference here. The Heritage Flight program was established in 1997 supporting the Air Force's 50th anniversary. It involves today's state-of-the-art fighters flying in close formation with World War II and Korean War vintage fighters.

flights from NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards. Scientists will evaluate the flight control system designed to twist the wing and control the airplane.

The goal of the Active Aeroelastic Wing program is to demonstrate the design process, philosophies and concept, focused on taking advantage of the aeroelastic effects of the wing, said Dryden's project manager Larry Myers.

"To control the aeroelasticity of this wing, we have designed control laws that

take advantage of the different inboard and outboard leading edge flaps to control them separately, to exploit the aeroelasticity of the wing," Mr. Myers said.

Since it began in 1996, the program has sparked the imagination and energy of its creators and onlookers alike. For the Air Force, the new technology represents a revolutionary approach to designing wings and is applicable to a wide variety of future air vehicle concepts under study - from fighter aircraft to high altitude, long endurance con-

cepts and high speed, long range vehicles, Air Force Research Laboratory officials here said.

"AAW is about managing the aeroelastic shape of the wing and represents a new philosophy for designing highly efficient wings in terms of structural weight, aerodynamic efficiency and control effectiveness," said Pete Flick, Air Force program manager assigned to the laboratory's air vehicles directorate. *(Story by Larine Barr, Air Force Research Laboratory Public Affairs)*

Battlelab demonstrates propeller balancing system

MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J. (AFPN) — The Air Mobility Battlelab recently demonstrated a new in-flight propeller balancing system that can greatly reduce propeller vibration levels and ground maintenance requirements.

Currently C-130 Hercules propeller balancing procedure are similar to spin balancing the wheel of an automobile, officials said. Technicians must spin an out-of-balance propeller to determine where an imbalance exists, add or subtract small propeller weights to adjust the balance, and spin the propeller again to see if the balance is right. This process is repeated until the propeller is balanced.

The problem with the current procedure is it can take several attempts to get it right, which makes the procedure time consuming and manpower intensive, officials said.

Also, once the aircraft is airborne, the aerodynamic forces acting on the propeller blades actually change the balance of the propeller and nullify the ground-balancing effort, officials said.

The solution is an active balancing system which constantly monitors propeller balance during flight and makes the necessary balance corrections in a matter of seconds. *(Courtesy of AMC News Service)*

Family Member Programs Flight Free Childcare

Extended Duty Childcare (EDC) Program

EDC supports parents during Operation Enduring Freedom. The program arranges care for parents needing extended duty or emergency care in contracted family childcare homes on base. The extended hours are for use by parents whose job requires them to work beyond their 50-hour per week childcare arrangements, a situation parents may be experiencing because of deployment or additional responsibilities. The intent of this program is to provide support to families who need care beyond their regular childcare arrangements due to mission requirements. For additional information about any of these free programs and more information about the Subsidy Program, please call the Family Childcare office at 449-1879 for more information.

Returning Home Care

Members returning from deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom may receive 16 hours of free childcare upon the return to their home station and their family. This free childcare will be provided by Extended Duty Care homes. This benefit must be used within 30 days of return from an overseas deployment or a deployment exceeding 30 days. For additional information

about any of these free programs and more information about the Subsidy Program, please call the Family Childcare office at 449-1879 for more information.

Mildly Ill Program (MIFCC)

A family childcare provider has been contracted to take care of mildly ill children who cannot attend their regular childcare facility (CDC, FCC, school-age). There are no additional fees. Hours are Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information about any of these free programs and more information about the Subsidy Program, please call the Family Childcare office at 449-1879 for more information.

Childcare for PCS

All Air Force personnel that PCS in or out of Hickam are eligible for 20 free hours of childcare per child within 60 days of their arrival/departure. Members should take a copy of their orders to the Family Support Center Relocation Staff, where FSC staff will give the member a certificate for the free 20 hours. The Family Support Center is located in building 1105 and can be reached at 449-0300. For additional information about any of these free programs and more information about the Subsidy Program, please call the Family Childcare office at 449-1879 for more information.



Childcare for Volunteers

American Red Cross (ARC) volunteers working at official organizations within the 15th AW, Headquarters PACAF, or tenant agencies are eligible to have their childcare paid by the Air Force Aid Society. Volunteers must have attended the ARC Volunteer Orientation. The ARC-Hickam Service Center will provide the volunteer with a time worksheet to be filled out by the childcare provider. The Hickam American Red Cross is located in building 1105 and can be reached at 449-0166.

Additional FCC Program - Subsidy Program

Parents can pay the same fees at they would at a child development center by enrolling in a subsidized provider's program. The subsidy program is open to all full-time care (35+ hours a week) children 0-5 years old and school-age children during the summer months. Fees are based on total family income. For additional information about any of these free programs and more information about the Subsidy Program, please call

the Family Childcare office at 449-1879 for more information.



Scrapbooking

A new scrapbooking club is being formed at the Community Center with its inaugural meeting slated for tonight at 5 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$10 per session. Call 449-2361 for details.

Retiree Appreciation Day

The second annual Hickam Retiree Appreciation Day is today in Hangar 7. The event is hosted by 15th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Raymond Torres. More than 30 booths will provide retirees with the latest information on Hickam's programs and activities. Event will run from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. A continental breakfast will be provided courtesy of the 15th Services Squadron.

Egg hunt

Swim for eggs at Pool 2 Saturday. The egg hunt will be by age groups: Ages 0 to 3 start at 10 a.m. in the baby pool; ages 4 to 6 at 10:30 a.m.; 7 to 9 at 11 a.m.; and 10-year-olds and older at 11:30 a.m. Entrance fee is \$2 per person with doors opening at 9:30 a.m. Pool capacity is limited to 200 so come early! Call 449-5215 for more information.

Chess tournament

The annual Air Force chess tournament begins base-level competition Saturday at the Hickam Community Center. Competition matches will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with winners progressing toward the Air Force championship. Sign up by Thursday at the Community Center or by calling 449-2361.

11th annual enlisted club golf tournament

The 11th Annual Enlisted Club Golf Tournament is set for March 18. Registration is now open to all. Places fill up fast, so sign up now! Call the enlisted club at 449-1292 for reservations or more information.

Spring Break Bash

The Community Center Skate Hangar will have its Spring Break Bash March 19 from 3 p.m. to midnight. The event will include unlimited skating, boarding and scootering, drinks, chips, barbeque and cake.

Participants must be at least 10 years old to sign up. For information call 448-4422.

Spring music recital

The annual spring music recital will be held at the Hickam Community Center March 19 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend and enjoy the musical talents of Hickam



youth. Call the Community Center at 449-2361 for details.

Kidsports Easter parade

Kids, come join Kidsports and take part in the Easter Parade. Kidsports offers its Easter parade party March 19 and 20 from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Kids will make Easter crafts, play games, have dinner and enjoy an Easter egg hunt. For more information and to reserve a place, call Kidsports at 448-6611.

Paintball

Outdoor Recreation is planning a battle and you can get in on it. March 20 from noon to 4 p.m., you will be transported to the battle ground for a game of paintball. The \$10 fee is for transportation only. Participants will pay for paintball gear and the ammo of their choice at the paintball facility. Call 449-5215 to register.

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Youth Ocean Adventure Program

Explore the wonders of Hickam harbor during the annual Youth Ocean Adventure Program being conducted by Outdoor Recreation. The adventure runs from March 21 to April 1 with classes in surfing, sailing and windsurfing. YOA is set up for youth ages 10-18. For more information, call 449-5215.

Junior golf tournament

The par 3 annual spring break junior golf tournament will be held Tuesday, March 22 with tee times starting at 10 a.m. The tournament format is 18-holes individual stroke play and is open to the first 36 registrants. Entry forms are available at the par 3 pro shop. Deadline to register is March 18, with an entry fee of \$15 that includes green fees and prizes. Call 449-2093 for more information.

Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park

Join the Hickam Teen

Center for a day at the Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park on Thursday, March 24. The bus leaves Hickam at 10 a.m. and returns about 3 p.m. Deadline to sign up is March 21. Cost is \$25 per person and a minimum of 10 teens is required for the trip.

Free junior golf clinic

A free golf clinic for juniors, 7-12 years old, will be conducted at Mamala Bay Golf Course on Friday, March 25 starting at 4 p.m. Members of the MB golf staff will conduct the clinic at no charge! Call the pro shop at 449-6490 to sign up.

Kids Night Out

The monthly Kids Night Out is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 from 6 to 11 p.m. Theme for the evening is Easter Rock and kids will try out karaoke and enjoy a good dinner. Cost is \$15 per child (ages 5-12). Call Kidsports at 448-6611 for information.

Dollar day

Tuesday is dollar day at the Hickam Bowling Center. Every Tuesday in March, bowlers playing from 4 to 9 p.m. will pay \$1 per game. Call the Bowling Center at 449-2702 for more information.

National craft month

March is national craft month, so come and learn a

new craft at the Arts & Crafts Center on Kuntz Avenue across from the base theater. The center offers free weekly demonstrations and the crafts store stocks needed supplies. March activities will center around St. Patrick's Day and spring. Bring ideas and get ready to have fun. For more information call 449-1568, ext. 2.

Super March special

The Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental office has a super March special. Rent one body-board and get a second for half price! Bring a friend, get the boards at this special price and hit the waves! Outdoor Rec has hundreds of items available to rent from bouncy castles to camping equipment. Call 449-6870 for more information.

Start Sailing Right

The next Outdoor Recreation 'Start Sailing Right' course will be in March. The date will be announced soon. Classes will be held at the Hickam Harbor office on Tuesday night with a group lesson on Saturday.

Sailing students will be trained to sail the Rhodes 19', the Catalina 14' and the Laser 12'. Learn everything from nautical terms, rope tying and navigation. Cost is \$160 per person which includes classroom sessions, U.S. sailing materials and

boat rentals. Call 449-5215 for more information.

Birthday coupons

Birthdays are best at the enlisted club. Primary club members can stop by the enlisted club customer service counter, provide proof of birthdate and a \$10 birthday coupon will be issued that can be used only during the birth month.



Kids Craft Camp

Hickam's Kids Craft Camp is back for its second year! There will be six weeks of arts and crafts sessions for kids with a variety of activities planned, including a new and different project every day! Kids Craft Camp is for ages 5 through 15 and is scheduled for the months of June, July and August. Space is limited. For complete schedule information and to reserve space, call the Arts & Crafts Center at 449-1568.

Boston Whalers for rent

The Hickam Outdoor Recreation Office reminds

its customers that 15' Boston Whalers are available for rent at Hickam Harbor. To cruise the local waters in a fun motor boat, check out Outdoor Recreation.

The boat can handle up to five persons and rental includes gas, PFDs, flare kit and anchor. A checkout card is required for rental and lessons are available. Rental costs are \$15 per hour, \$40 half day (9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 1 - 4:30 p.m.) and \$60 full day (9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.).

Hickam Bowling Center

The Hickam Bowling Center is available for birthday parties, promotion parties and other special events. Group reservations are available for Fridays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturdays from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Call 449-2702 for reservations.

BBQ night at J.R. Rockers

Every Sunday night is barbeque night at J.R. Rockers. The grill is cooking up great beef, chicken and fish from 5:30 to 8 p.m., so come on down to the enlisted club. Included in the meal is pasta salad, baked beans, corn bread or roll, iced tea and ice cream. Call 449-1292 for more information.

Hickam skateboard hangar

The Hickam skateboard hangar is rocking these days



with great new hours and a new low price! The hangar is now open Wednesday from 2 to 7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 2 to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Cost is just \$1 per day and monthly passes are available for \$15. Call 448-4422 for additional information.

AF Teen Aviation Camp

The Air Force Services Agency has announced plans for the 6th Annual Air Force Teen Aviation Camp to be held June 4-9 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Eligible teens must be high school sophomores or juniors during the 2005-2006 school year and have an interest in attending the Air Force Academy or making the Air Force a career.

This exciting program is open to family members of active duty Air Force, Air Force retired, Air Force civilian employees, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members. Call 449-2233 for more information.

SPORTS SHORTS

Kidsports still signing up youth wrestlers

Parents can still sign up Hickam youth from ages 5 to 14 for the upcoming youth wrestling season. The cost is \$35 to sign up and parents can call the Kidsports office at 448-6611 for more details. Practices are being held Wednesday evenings starting at 5:15 p.m. at the kidsports gym. Coaches and volunteers are also needed.

Upcoming coaches meeting

The men's intramural softball coaches meeting is Monday at 10 a.m. The Women's intramural softball coaches meeting is set for Tuesday also at 10 a.m. Both meeting will be in the fitness Center's conference room. For more information call the base sports office at 448-4639/40.

Earhart track update

Earhart track has been designated as the official test site for physical fitness tests. Testing times are between 5 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 11 p.m. Units can reserve the track for testing on a first-come, first-serve basis by contacting the fitness center at 448-4639.

Female basketball players wanted

Women players are needed for the upcoming varsity season. Players can be military, dependents out of high school or Department of Defense employees. To sign up call the fitness center at 448-4639.

Racquetball tourney in progress

The base racquetball tournament started Tuesday and will be on going until after the exercise next week. Next week's Kukini will have more details about teams and times. For more information call 448-4639/40.

Racquetball Final Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
COMM	9	1
15	8	2
HIANG	6	4
324 IS	5	5
352 IOS	2	8
735 AMS	0	9

Basketball tourney begins

The base basketball playoffs are set to start after the exercise and once details are set the Kukini will announce the teams and dates. For more information call 448-4639/40.

Final Basketball Standings
Mon-Wed Basketball
(As of Monday)

Team	Wins	Losses
502 AOG 1	8	1
JAPC	7	2
CES 1	6	3
PACAF CSS 1	5	3
324 IS	4	3
HQ PACAF	5	4
SVS	4	5
SFS	4	5
692 IOG	3	6
MDG 2	1	8
PACAF AIS	0	8

Tue-Thur Basketball
(As of Tuesday)

Team	Wins	Losses
352 IOS	9	1
735 AMS	8	2
MDG 1	8	2
PACAF RSS	5	4
MSS	4	5
COMM	3	6
HIANG	3	6
PACAF CSS 2	3	7
CES 2	2	8

Three s a charm

735th long-range beat PACAF CSS II for victory

By Tech. Sgt.
Mark Munsey
Kukini Managing Editor

Hickam's intramural basketball games are 40 minutes long, but Tuesday night the game between the 735th Air Mobility Squadron and the Pacific Air Forces Computer Systems Squadron II came down to who best exploited the opening minutes of each half.

Advantage 735th.

In the first three minutes of the game, the two teams pulsed with a furious offensive pace.

On the offensive tip, 735th forward Jarron Pope pushed the ball to point guard Tracy Pagud who dished it to Brandon Dix for a quick give and go, draining a lay up.

PACAF gunner Harvey Davis immediately countered with a long three-pointer.

On their next offensive possession, Pagud drew all the defenders to him, opening up 735th teammate Dan Hiser for an uncontested lay up.

Back on offense, PACAF used a pass-first mentality, eventually isolating point guard Rhon Bravo for another easy lay up.

735th guard Samer Alkhoury wasted little time in draining a short jumper, putting PACAF on offense once more, with Bravo putting back a rare missed shot.

PACAF was up 9-6 with less than three minutes of game clock past.

The next 10 minutes was a tribute to foul shots, most by Dix, as 735th went up 13-12 with 7:20 left before intermission.

After a nothing-but-net three from PACAF's Davis, Dix was fouled on a lay up attempt, making both for a 15-all tie.

Pagud stole the ball on the next PACAF possession, leading Dix on a long outlet, who made the lay-up and made PACAF pay up on the foul while shooting, putting 735th up 18-15.



Brandon Dix, 735th Air Mobility Squadron, goes up for two points Tuesday night over Pacific Air Forces Computer Systems Squadron II Steve Laura. Dix led all scorers, piling up 23 points by game's end.

The lead lasted less than 20 seconds, as Davis drained another tre to knot the game at 18.

Pagud caught the PACAF transition napping, racing down the court and drawing the few defensive players to him as he dropped a no-look, between-the-legs back pass to Dix who was driving the lane, forcing a foul and two more made free throws.

After a quick basket by PACAF shooter Nolan Clark, Dix and Pagud played a game of give and go, with Dix once again fouled as he scored.

Realizing the running clock would expire with Dix on the line, PACAF coach Jon Stevens called a time out with 10 seconds left in the half.

After Dix made the foul shot, the PACAF team raced down for one last offensive series, allowing Bravo to drain a three as the buzzer sounded, tying the game at 23.

Pagud told his teammates

the keys to second-half victory during the intermission.

"We need to play with more intensity and get out there and run," Pagud said.

Pagud led by example, making a long-range three less than 30 seconds into the half. After a short jumper by Dix on their next possession, Pagud hit back-to-back threes, putting 735th up 34-23 less than three minutes into the final stanza.

PACAF got onto the second half scoreboard with a three by Jason Klug and a lay up by Bravo.

After a pair of free throws by Dix, Pagud got offensive once again, draining another three and scoring on a lay up following a defensive board and long outlet pass from Dix.

After a lay up by Klug to draw PACAF to the working side of a 41-30 score half-way through the half, Dix went long range and Pagud followed suit, effectively putting the game away.



PACAF CSS II defender Doug Freeman employs a unique guarding technique on 735th player Samer Alkhoury during first-half action Tuesday night.

The two teams swapped free throws and a few baskets down the stretch, with 735th prevailing 59-42. Dix finished with 23

points, followed closely by Pagud with 20, 17 coming in the second half.

Clark had 12 and Davis 11 in the losing effort.



735th point guard Tracy Pagud hits a medium-range jumper in the second half of their victory over PACAF CSS II. Pagud ended up with 20 points, 17 of those coming in the second half, including five three-pointers.



Photo by Mysti Blooy

Past perfect

Trey Gathers, 15th Medical Group, is surrounded by 352nd Information Operations Squadron defenders Tuesday night. Gathers had a team-high 18 points, leading MDG past IOS 53-49 in overtime. The loss knocked IOS from the undefeated ranks, and pulled MDG within a game and a half of them for first place in the division. In other Tuesday night action, Lynn Brown had 16 points to lead 15th Mission Support Squadron to a squeaker of a victory over 15th Civil Engineer Squadron II, 52-50.

Falcons Defeat San Diego State, 77-57

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Antoine Hood scored 17 of his 20 points in the second half and Jacob Burtschi added 15 points to lead Air Force to a 77-57 win over San Diego State on Monday night.

Air Force (17-11, 8-5 Mountain West) hit 13 3-pointers, including three straight in a key second-half stretch. The Falcons attempted 29 3-pointers, finishing in double figures for 3-pointers made for the 12th time this season.

Air Force struggled from the field in the first half, but came out hot in the second, shooting 63 percent. The Aztecs, who led 33-30 at half-time, shot just 27.3 percent (6-for-22) in the second half.

Hood was 8-for-12 from the floor, including two 3-pointers, and six different Falcons made 3-point shots. Nick Welch finished with 13 points and Tim Keller had 12 to move into 12th on Air Force's career scoring list with 1,092 points. Keller also played in his 113th game to



Courtesy photo

Academy player dribbles the ball.

become the Falcons' career leader.

Matt Thomas had a career-high 20 points for San Diego State (10-16, 4-9), which lost its fifth straight game. Trimaine Davis and Brandon Heath added 10 points each, but Heath shot just 3-for-15.

Air Force used three straight 3-pointers on consecutive possessions to take a 55-47 lead with 8:24 remaining in the game. The Aztecs did not get closer than eight points for the rest of the game.



Photos by Pamela Werling

Against the wind

Grace Woodrow, completes a tack maneuver and sails into the wind. She hikes, or leans overboard, so as to balance her sailboat against the wind and prevent it from capsizing. The race competition was based on a scoring of points through each race.

Facts about the race:

- Thirty-four young children sailed in this event.
- Children participated in eight races.
- Sailors were between the ages of 8-18 both male and female.

- The competitions are divided into classes and based on the amount of experience participants have sailing boats. This ranges from a few months to more than 7 or 8 years.
- Pacific Yacht Club hosted the event. Participants included Pearl Harbor Yacht Club, Hawaii Yacht Club, Kaneohe Yacht Club and Waikiki Yacht Club.



More than 30 young sailors ranging in age from 8-18 participated in the Hawaii Youth Sailing Association's first race of the season at Hickam Harbor. Pacific Yacht Club plays host to this annual event. El Toro 8 sailboats, as well as Laser 12 sailboats, were featured in the eight different competitions held March 6.

Falcons baseball swept in doubleheader against Bears

GREELEY, Colo. – The Air Force baseball team was swept in a doubleheader at Northern Colorado, Tuesday afternoon at Jackson Ballpark. The Falcons, who drop to 4-13 on the season, lost game one, 8-4, and game two, 9-3.

In the opening game, a six-run sixth inning erased a two-run Falcon lead as the Bears (3-11) rallied to an 8-4 win. The Bears put up the six runs on five hits and a fielding error in that sixth inning.

Trailing 1-0 in the third inning, Air Force scored three runs in the third and



U.S. Air Force photo

Air Force Center Fielder Reid Lamson takes off for first base during their game against Northern Colorado.

one more in the fourth to go ahead 4-1. Five of the first six Falcon batters recorded

hits in the third ining. Price Paramore scored the fourth run in the fourth on the tail-

end of a double steal attempt.

Game one starter Paul Pratt (1-4) was the hard-luck loser again for the Falcons, allowing six runs, five earned, while striking out four in 5.2 innings pitched. Tyler Pearson (1-1) earned the win for UNC with three innings of relief.

The Falcons were out-hit 8-10 in the game, with Jarrod Chacon leading the for the Bears with two hits and a home run. Reid Lamson and Karl Bolt had two hits for the Falcons.

In game two, a pair of four run innings propelled

UNC to a 9-3 win. The Bears struck for four runs in the third and sixth innings.

UNC had 10 hits in the game, led by Phil Delich and Chacon. Delich, who's father, Chuck Delich, the head coach for Air Force's Hockey program from 1986-97, went 2-for-4 with 4 RBI. Chacon went 4-for-4 with 3 RBI.

The Falcons had six hits in the game, led by Lamson's two hits. Dale Kasel tripled in a run in the sixth inning and Austin Fereria doubled.

Air Force starter Travis Fugler (2-3) took the loss,

allowing four runs, three earned in 2.1 innings of work. UNC's Jon Leines (1-0) earned the win fanning seven Falcons, while allowing three runs on five hits in five innings pitched.

Both games were seven innings.

Air Force will take a week off from competition before returning to action March 18-20, as they open Mountain West Conference play at UNLV.

Notes: Price Paramore got his first hit of the season in the fourth inning...Troy Jeffers made his first start of the season at second base.

Records fall in rifle team's last match

The Air Force Academy rifle team traveled to the University of Nevada at Reno, Saturday and Sunday where they competed against the Wolf Pack's air rifle national champion, Ryan Tanoue, while setting two Academy records.

The team of Matthew Colvin, Christopher Hill, Tim Siemer and Jessica Palomba combined for a school record of 2322 X 2400, six points above their previous best in the air rifle event.

In addition, Hill and Palomba both shot personal bests, and Hill's 586 X 600 also tied an Academy record. Palomba's 584 X 600 was a five-point improvement on her personal record.

"A huge jump for the sophomore, who is a walk-on in her first year with the team," said assistant coach Bill Roy.

Although the team score was an Academy-best, it still fell 14 points shy of Nevada's score of 2336 X 2400.

"Reno is a tough team to beat," according to head coach Captain Justin Broughton. "They have Tanoue on their team, who is the current national champion." Tanoue shot 597 X 600, the best score recorded in the nation this year. "Going into the competition the team members said that if they could not win, they were at least going to set a record in the process, and they absolutely delivered," said Broughton.

In addition to the contributions by Hill and Palomba, Siemer shot a 575 X 600 and Colvin rolled in with a 577 X 600.

For team captain Colvin, this was the final match in an illustrious career as a Falcon. Although his score of 577 was

below his personal best, he felt tremendous gratification in the team effort.

"Of course, we wanted the victory, but shooting a team record still means a lot to us," said Colvin. "I asked my teammates to give it their best effort, and I'm extremely proud of the way they responded."

Assistant coach Roy had nothing but high praise for the Spring Hill, La., native. "Matt's shooting throughout the season has been more than a pleasant surprise. In two consecutive matches, he shot 298 X 300 in the last 30 shots of the air rifle event, a feat that only two or three other shooters in the country could pull off."

Colvin, a four-year letter winner, was a walk-on as a freshman and had no previous experience as a competitive rifle shooter.



Photo by Lt. Col. Kenneth Tingman

Slippin' away

Joshua Tingman, Moanalua High School, tries to keep Brandon Mina of Waipahu, from reversing on him in their 5th place 103-pound match at the Hawaii State Championship Wrestling Tournament at the Blaisdell Arena Saturday. Tingman, the son of Lt. Col. Kenneth Tingman, 15th Airlift Wing inspector general, was defeated by Mina, but as a freshman, he was the only male from his school to make it to the championship rounds. Tingman finished the year with an 18-3 record and captured the junior varsity Oahu Interscholastic Athletics East and OIA championships. He entered the OIA Varsity Championships and finished 3rd to qualify him for the state meet.

AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 449-2239 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

Friday, Saturday and Thursday at 7 p.m.



THE WEDDING DATE – Kat Ellis’s worst nightmare is about to come true. Not only is her younger, half-sister, Amy, getting married before her, but to add insult to injury, the

groom’s best man is Kat’s ex-fiance, Jeffrey. Unable to bear the thought of attending alone, she hires an escort to play her boyfriend. Her rented date, fits the bill perfectly. He’s handsome, intelligent, well spoken and a perfect gentleman. The plan? Make Kat’s ex sorry that he ever leg her go. Starring Debra Messing, Dermot Mulroney. PG-13 (sexual content including dialogue).

Sunday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.



PHANTOM OF THE OPERA – A disfigured musical genius haunts the catacombs beneath the Paris Opera, waging a reign of terror over its occupants. When he falls fatally in love with the lovely Christine, the Phantom devotes himself to creating a new star for the Opera, exerting a strange sense of control over the young soprano as he nurtures her extraordinary talents. He’s smitten and wants Christine for his own, but Christine meets

up with her childhood acquaintance Raoul and the two fall in love. Feeling betrayed, the Phantom decides to kidnap her and imprison her with him in his lair. Raoul is now the only one who can stop him. Starring Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum. PG-13 (brief violent images).

Crossword puzzle: Women in Uniform

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

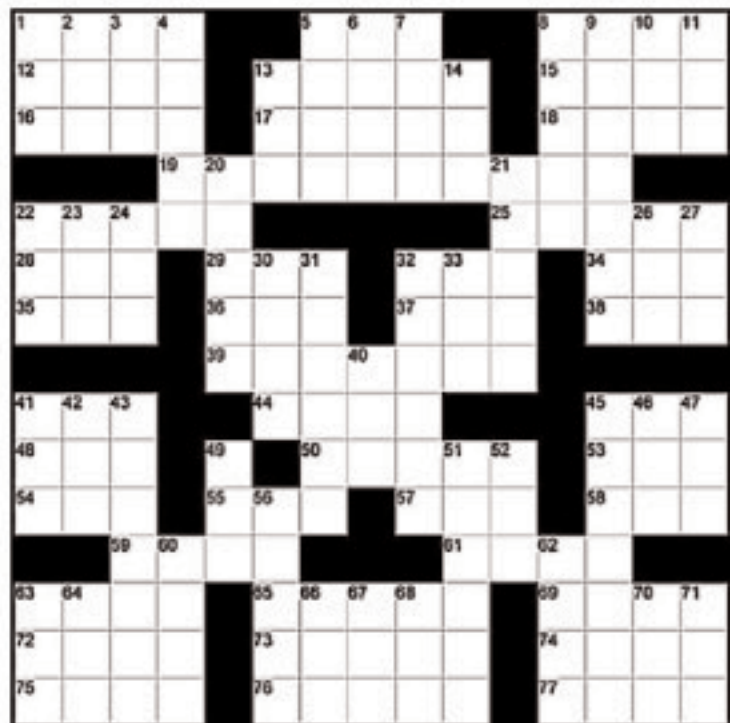
ACROSS

- 1. Teen hangout
- 5. Head cover
- 8. Pass on
- 12. Thought
- 13. Rule of law
- 15. Span
- 16. First woman to receive Air Medal;
- 17. Mythological Greek monster
- 18. Wallet stuffers
- 19. First woman promoted to Brig Gen; WAC Director
- 22. Nap
- 25. Handy
- 28. Pod vegetable
- 29. Airport safety org.
- 32. Hurt
- 34. Father
- 35. Picnic pest
- 36. Olympic org.
- 37. Entertainment org. for troops
- 38. Wks lead to these
- 39. First director of WASPs
- 41. Grazed
- 44. Finding _____
- 45. Lout
- 48. First woman to receive Purple Heart
- 50. Service trees; rowans
- 53. Japanese sash
- 54. Explosive combo
- 55. USAF base entry needs

- 57. To be
- 58. Grant's opposite
- 59. Shrek was one
- 61. Royalty title
- 63. Awful
- 65. Lever
- 69. Type of stereo equip.
- 72. First Director of WAF
- 73. Highest ranking woman in USAF
- 74. Oklahoma town
- 75. Stir
- 76. More hurt
- 77. Famous canine

DOWN

- 1. Ending of DoD websites
- 2. Commotion
- 3. Allow
- 4. Wood tool
- 5. First woman promoted to Brig Gen; Chief of Army Nurse Corps
- 6. The King ____
- 7. Ripped
- 8. Word ending for under and with
- 9. Highest ranking woman in USA
- 10. Fury
- 11. Nights, in brief
- 13. Greek letter
- 14. Bother
- 20. Visual
- 21. Claw
- 22. Health resort
- 23. Actor Cariou
- 24. Dine
- 26. Even score
- 27. NFL scores



- 30. Before long
- 31. Allow entry
- 32. _____ borealis
- 33. To query; what ____ rose by any other name?
- 40. Health org.
- 41. Back, on a ship
- 42. 2,000 lbs.
- 43. Commends
- 45. First woman STS; Lt Col (USAF) Eileen _____
- 46. Honest _____
- 47. Expire _____
- 49. Knight title
- 51. First USMC woman officer promoted
- 52. Ocean part
- 56. Student workplaces
- 60. Jewels
- 62. Saturn moon
- 63. Radio frequencies between 30 and 300 MHz
- 64. Debt letters
- 66. Business leader, in short
- 67. Mil. rest
- 68. Compass point
- 70. Through
- 71. Actress Lupino

Solutions on B6

Team Hickam History

The Air Force's most historic airfield



U.S. Air Force photo

March 17, 1944 – Arrival of the first WAC (Women's Army Corps) in Hawaii. After disembarking near the camouflaged Aloha Tower downtown on March 17, 1944, the WACs were sta-

tioned at Hickam Field where they would work in administration and motor transport jobs.

March 15, 1952 – Club Makai opened in Building 1105, directly across the street from Building 1102 (now the home of Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, but at that time the principal 3,200-person dormitory on Hickam AFB). Constructed around a large central lounge, the facility could accommodate 3,500 airmen and included a game

room, library, music booths, meeting room, quiet room, photo lab, kitchen snack bars, rest-rooms, and a stage complete with dressing rooms.

March 17, 1959 – King Hussein of Jordan received full military honors when he arrived at Hickam AFB, where he was greeted by both military and civilian dignitaries. He remained in Hawaii for several days, hav-



ing just returned from Taipei where he visited President Chiang Kai-shek of Nationalist China. King Hussein was given not only a tour of the base but also a flight in a T-33 piloted by Captain Burrell Howell, PACAFBASECOM Flying Safety Officer. The King, who had undergone pilot training with the Royal Air Force, took over the controls for part of the flight.

March 16, 1966 – GEMINI-8 astronauts Neil Armstrong and David Scott arrived at Hickam from Okinawa, following successful completion of their flight. They were accompanied by astronaut Walter Schirra and NASA officials.

March 11, 1968 – Hickam's new library opened. The new \$154,000 single-story 7,700 square foot concrete block library was officially opened at Hickam AFB by the Base Commander

assisted by the Base Chaplain. Its central location on the site of the original Chapel #1 and adjacent parking facilities made it more readily available to personnel assigned to the Base.

March 16, 1981 – Typhoon Freda struck Wake Island, filling the runway with large coral rock boulders and closing the airfield until March 19, 1981.

March 15, 1982 – Retired Lt. Gen. James Doolittle, See HISTORY, B6



Photos by Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman

Staff Sgt. Bart McGrath, 324th Intelligence Squadron, changes a head gasket on his vehicle. Sergeant McGrath comes to the hobby shop two to three times a week to do work on his 1966 Mustang. Sergeant McGrath says he has saved about \$10,000 during the past three years by doing his own mechanical work on his

vehicles. The Auto Hobby Shop offers a place for any military ID card holder to go to work on their vehicles. They have more than 20 stalls equipped with tools and can order parts that will be at the shop within one hour. Towing services are also available.



A customer adds oil to his vehicle after changing out the oil filter.

Auto-matic \$\$ savings

*Hobby shop – place
to work on vehicles*

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

Editor's note: This is the second of three articles about the Hickam hobby shops.

Whether it's a hobby or necessity, people can use to Hickam Auto Hobby Shop to complete almost any task on their vehicles.

The auto hobby shop has more than 20 work stalls, two paint booths and a full body shop for any military ID card holder to use.

Services available include oil changes, battery and charging analysis, tire repair, wheel alignment and balance and more.

The cost is \$2.50 an hour to use a stall without a hoist, \$4 an hour to use a stall with a hoist and \$9 an hour to use a paint stall.

Members can do almost anything necessary for their car maintenance except a radiator flush, said Doug Ormand, hobby shop manager.

"The cost is greatly reduced when you do your own car maintenance," said Mr. Ormand.

Although some use the shop for regular maintenance on their vehicle, others use the shop to rebuild an old car.

Staff Sgt. Bart McGrath, 324th Intelligence Squadron, has been working on his 1966 Mustang.

"I'd come here every day if I could," he said. "I've saved about \$10,000 during the past three years by doing my own work."

Sergeant McGrath comes to the shop two to three times per week, he said. "It's cleaner than other shops on other bases and the people are nicer."

The shop staff is also able to do work on member's cars for various prices.

"We can order a part and get it here within an hour except on Sundays," said Mr. Ormand.

The hours of operation for the shop are: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information about prices, contact the shop staff at 449-2554.



Tom Heller, hobby shop staff member, replaces a starter for a customer. The hobby shop staff is available to work on military ID card holders cars rather than the member working on his own vehicle. The hobby shop is also an authorized GSA vendor for service and repairs of all GSA licensed vehicles. Call the hobby shop for price estimates on vehicle repair.



Derrick Williams, military dependent, replaces the lug nuts on his wheel in the hobby shop. The shop has several jacks for customers to use to change out tires.



Carl Arenas, hobby shop staff member, helps a customer mount a tire onto the rim. The use of the equipment in the shop is included in the stall rental price.

Hickam Heroes

Tech. Sgt. Troy Mueller
15th Airlift Wing Safety



My favorite accomplishment of the last year is: The arrival of my first baby. His name is T.J.

I volunteer for (and why): AADD-Airmen Against Drunk Driving. I volunteer because the small effort it takes me to drive someone home can possibly save someone's life or prevent an accident.

When not at work: I like spending my free time on Saturdays working on my Mustang Cobra, although with the birth of my son has taken away some of the mustangs time and replaced it with daddy time.

What sets Sergeant Mueller off from others: Troy has a "can do attitude" and genuine concern for helping Unit Safety Representaives build the best possible programs in their units.

Last summer, Troy personnally spot inspected every unit in the 15AW a month prior to the HQ PACAF UCI – result: not a single ground safety discrepancy in any unit within the Wing!

Col Jeffery Spears
15th Airlift Wing chief of Safety

Senior Airman Kory Benedetti
15th Operational Support Squadron



My job rocks because: As an Airman I am in charge of a lot of things that other airman do not get the opportunity to do, such as overseeing construction projects, flight line issues, supporting presidential missions, and frequently dealing with foreign dignitaries. I am also in direct support all flying missions to and from Hickam AFB.

My favorite accomplishment of the last year is: Reenlisting for another 4

years, receiving a reenlistment bonus, and finally being able to afford the car I've always wanted.

I volunteer for (and why): I volunteer at the Hickam youth center, and help support the youth fit to win program. I also arranged for my squadron members to have pen pals with a 4th grade class on the mainland. I enjoy working with children of all ages. I recently started volunteering with our booster club, and was appointed the booster club treasurer.

When not at work: I like spending my free time – doing any kind of outdoor activities, such as hiking, camping, surfing, and snorkeling. I also enjoy just being with friends and watching movies.

What the boss says about SrA Benedetti: SrA Benedetti is integral to the 15 OSS' airfield management team, ensuring there is a safe and operationally efficient airfield, providing flightline driving training to transient maintenance crews. SrA Benedetti supports numerous DVs when she coordinates arrival and departure times, manages flight plans and coordinates ramp freezes.

SrA Benedetti's hard work along with her co-workers contributed to Hickam AFB winning HQ PACAF's 2004 Airfield Management Facility of the Year!

Major John Fiske
15th Operational Support Squadron director of Operations

Crossword puzzle solution

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CHAPEL

Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

PROTESTANT

Nelles Chapel
Sunday Contemporary
Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Worship
11:15 a.m.
Sunday Praise Gathering
5:30 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Traditional
8:30 a.m.

JEWISH

Aloha Jewish Chapel,
Pearl Harbor
473-0050
Jewish Lay Leader
Mr. David Bender
527-5877
Naval Station Chapel
473-3971

CATHOLIC

Nelles Chapel
Weekday Mass
11:30 a.m.
Saturday Confessions
4:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass
5 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass
10 a.m.

ISLAMIC

Friday Congregational
Service
(1935 Aleo Place,
Punahou)
1 p.m.
Muslim Association
of Hawaii
947-6263

BUDDHIST

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii
Betsuin A Shin
Buddhist Temple
536-7044

ORTHODOX

For more information,
call 438-6687

HISTORY,

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leader of the famed World War II bombing raid on Tokyo, visited Hickam AFB and addressed a group of 500 people gathered at the Aloha Theater.

March 15, 1983 – The Aero Club moved part of its

flying operation from Wheeler to Hickam AFB.

March 13, 1985 – Main Erbauer, Inc., won the contract for construction of a new Very-High-Frequency Omnidirectional Range Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC) facility at Wake Island.

March 11, 1987 – The 154th Composite Group at

Hickam AFB, Hawaii, received its first two F-15 Eagles, replacing F-4C Phantom aircraft previously flown by the Group.

March 12-13, 1987 – Madame Jean Sauve, Canadian Governor General, visited Hawaii, arriving and departing from Hickam AFB.

March 15, 1987 – Installa-

tion of a television dish antenna, purchased with a \$33,000 donation from millionaire Malcolm S. Forbes, brought satellite television reception to Wake Island for the first time.

March 13-18, 1989 – The 15th Air Base Wing supported Space Transportation System (STS) Mission 29 in which the orbiter Discovery launched

from the Kennedy Space Center then returned to earth, landing safely at Edwards AFB, California.

March 11, 1991 – The majority of the 15th Security Police Squadron that had deployed to the Persian Gulf in mid-November 1990 returned to Hawaii. The contingent of 40 security police

arrived at the Honolulu International Airport at 4:30 p.m. local, then boarded an Air Force bus which transported them to Hickam AFB. To loud cheers and chants of "U.S.A.," they jumped off the bus in front of Hangar 35 and received a warm welcome from their families, friends, and military officials.